Production of measles vaccines

771. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1509 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that measles vaccines are not being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce them in the country; and

(c) by when the country will become self sufficient in the production of these vaccines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) No Sir, indigenous production of Measles Vaccine has commenced in the current financial year. Government of India has licensed the Serum Institute of India, Pune, a private sector company, to manufacture Measles Vaccine. The unit has already started supply of Measles Vaccine formulated in its facilities in India from imported bulk. Supplies from indigenous bulk is expected by 1989-90. Government of India has also approved the setting up of an R&D-cum-manufacturing unit in the joint sector to produce Viral Vaccines, including 20 M doses of Measles Vaccine per annum.

(c) The country is expected to become self-sufficient in the production of Measles Vaccine by the year 1990-91.

Production of Vaccines

772. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
THAKUR JAGATPAL SINGH:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to undertake large scale production of vaccines by vero cell micro-carrier fermentation technology;

(b) if so, whether there will be any collaboration in this regard; and

(c) the location of the production centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir, it is proposed to undertake large scale production of inactivated Polio Vaccine and Rabies Vaccine by employing the Vero Cell Micro-Carrier Fermentation Technology.

(b) and (c) A manufacturing unit for these two Viral Vaccines in the joint sector is being set up in Gurgaon district of Haryana in technical collaboration with the Institute Merieux, Lyon, France.

IAS Officers from M.P. on deputation to the Central Government

773. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Administrative Service Officers of Madhya Pradesh cadre who are on deputation in the Central Government;

(b) the number of such officers out of them who are holding the posts of Joint-Secretary and above; and

(c) whether there is any proposal of Government to take on deputation a large number of such officers from underdeveloped States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 62.

(b) 35.

(c) Every effort is made to take officers on deputation from each cadre, keeping in view the Central Deputation Reserve of each cadre.

Measures to determine poverty line

774. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the indicators being adopted now to determine the poverty line in respect of an individual or family;

(b) what part of the country's populations was below the poverty line in the beginning of the current Plan and now as per these indicators;

(c) the details of the poverty alleviation plans now under implementation in the country; and

(d) what is the level of poverty reduction sought to be achieved by the end of this plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The main indicator for determining the poverty line is calorie consumption. The Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand constituted by Planning Commission (1979) defined the poverty line as per capita monthly expenditure of Rs. 49.09 in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 in urban areas at 1973-74 prices corresponding to the per capita daily calorie requirement of 2400 in rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. Poverty line up-dated for 1983-84 was Rs. 101.80 for rural areas and Rs. 117.50 for urban areas.

(b) At the time of the commencement of the Seventh Five Year Plan a number of persons living below poverty line were available for the year 1983-84. During that year the percentage of persons below poverty line was 40.4 in rural areas, 28.1 in urban areas and 37.4 for rural and urban combined at All India level.

(c) The Seventh Five Year Plan envisages a 5 per cent per annum growth in the economy through investments in agriculture, industry and infrastructure in order to generate higher income and employment. Besides this investments in poverty alleviation programmes such as Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) have been suitably intensified during the 7th Plan. Special programmes are also being implemented for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes as well as hilly and backward areas.

(d) In the Seventh Five Year Plan the percentage of population below poverty line is projected to be reduced to 25.8 in 1989-90.

Import of Vaccines

775. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vaccines are being imported in the country;

(b) if so, the names of those vaccines;

(c) what was the total import of each vaccine from 1st January to 31st December, 1988;

(d) the names of the parties which imported these vaccines, quantity imported by each, CIF price of each vaccine of each import alongwith source of import; and

(e) what is the number of samples of these vaccines which were drawn during 1988 and what is the report of each alongwith the laboratory where sample tested?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following vaccines are imported into the country:—

1. Measles Vaccine